



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE
Retreat Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2014

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Brown, Chris Fogleman (Chair), Michael Gruenberg, Julian Haffner, Barbara Holtz, Christopher Jackson, Mehul Madia (Vice Chair), Gladstone Marcus (Co-Chair Government and Community Relations), Perry Paylor, Roberta Pieczenik, Dana Pisanelli, Carlean Ponder (Co-Chair Care, Custody and Placement), and Jasmine Shergill.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Francha Davis, George Simms, Michael Subin, Ira Thomas, and Elijah Wheeler (Co-Chair Care, Custody and Placement).

ABSENT MEMBERS: Robert Carter, Blaine Clarke, Linda Currie, Frank Duncan, Jennifer Gauthier, Risa Mainprize, Julie Malloy, Mary Siegfried, Jenny West-Porter and Lisa Winer.

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

EMERITUS MEMBERS: Lee Haller

Commission on Juvenile Justice

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I. Introductions -

A. Commission members introduced themselves and talked about the reasons they joined the Commission on Juvenile Justice

II. Review Work Plan and Accomplishments

A. Discussion ensued regarding the two different philosophies held by commission members i.e. the importance of tangible accomplishments versus discussion/education of Commission members and how being a squeaky wheel is enough. Commission members held a lively discussion on which philosophy they wanted to adopt to continue the work of the Commission in the following year. Members broke out into two groups to discuss how we could join both philosophies and work it into one philosophy. Commissioners decided that they could work on the bigger picture while having action steps toward tangible accomplishments

III. Committees met separately to discuss upcoming work plan for FY-15 and accomplishments' this past year

IV. Committee chairs presented their findings to the whole Commission

A. Carlean Ponder (Co-Chair – Care, Custody and Placement Committee)

1. Accomplishments: Education trailers at Noyes – received information that letter that was sent out to Senator Jamie Raskin caused him to meet with DJS and MSDE causing education trailers to be given to Noyes to replace elderly crumbling trailers. Conference call with MSDE concerning rehabilitation training. Questioned DJS on vocational programs. Trip to Silver Oak facility
2. Goals/Findings: Follow up with Silver Oak/model vocational programs, Individual Education Program's and edit criteria for children/juveniles with special needs, overcoming barriers to vocational programs, letter to MCPS concerning barriers to vocational programs and a Google docs on issues affecting juveniles in Montgomery County.

B. Perry Paylor (Co-Chair – Government and Community Relations Committee)

1. Accomplishments: Website complete and made legislative recommendations to full commission
2. Goals/Findings: have a budget/legislative timeline, invite agency legislative members to speak/contribute on legislative issues, research

and evaluate issues concerning Miranda warnings and Juvenile understanding of the Miranda warnings.

V. Vote on CJJ main themes

1. Last years work plan was focused on the following theme: Focus on Intervention and Prevention efforts for high need youth including Disproportionate Minority Contact, gender specific and re-entry issues. Commissioners voted to continue into the 2nd year of the above theme

VI. How can we keep Commissioners informed and give them the knowledge they need?

1. Agency Members give updates at meetings
2. Create video regarding the juvenile justice legal process
3. Have each committee give names of prospective chairs and vice chairs. I.e. each committee member will write on a slip of paper the name of a person in their committee that they would like to be chair and vice chair of their committee.
4. Use Executive board meetings to facilitate cross committee communication
5. Have each committee write up agendas and minutes of their meetings to be included in Commission minutes.
6. Streamline the new member orientation process (video tape agency member presentations
7. Agency members provide blurb on agency spheres of responsibility in orientation materials

VII. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.